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UNESCO FOR INFO

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SUBJECT: UNESCO EXECUTIVE BOARD: ITEM CONCERNING
ISRAELI OCCUPIED TERRITORIES

1. WE DISCUSSED REFTTEL WITH FCO (QHEAES OF UN AND MIDDLE
EAST DEPARTMENTS) EARLY MAY 5. FCO AWARE OF SITUATION
CONCERNING DIRECTOR GENERAL'S REPORT (1034 0-4- 2 REFTTEL)
BUT UNAWARE OF ANY EFFORT BY ARABS OR OTHERS TO SUBMIT
RESOLUTION ON ARAB-ISRAELI ISSUES AT CURRENT UNESCO
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING.

2. FCO AGREES WITH US VIEW THAT CONTENTIOUS ARAB-ISRAELI
DEBATE SHOULD BE AVOIDED IF POSSIBLEWN AND BELIEVES AP-
PROACH TO DG 'BOW IS GOOD WAY TO PROCEED. HOWEVER,
UK OFFICIALS WISH TO CHECK WITH UK UNESCO REPRESENTATIVE
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BEFORE DECIDING WHAT ACTION TO TAKE. FCO OFFICIAL SAID
UK REPRESENTATIVE IS ALSO CHAIRMAN OF EXECUTIVE BOARD,
AND IMPLIED THIS COULD COMPLICATE OR INHIBIT BRITISH
EFFORTS. WE POINTED OUT CHAIRMAN'S ROLE COULD BECOME
EVEN MORE COMPLICATED IF ANOTHER PREJUDICIAL POLITICAL
DEBATE WERE PERMITTED TO ERUPT IN UNESCO FORUM.

3. FCO OFFICIAL ALSO OBSERVED THAT SIMILAR SITUATION
RECENTLY AROSE IN ICAO, WHERE PACKAGE OF UNGA RESOLUTIONS
OF RELEVANCE TO ICAO'S WORK HAD BEEN CONSIDERED TOGETHER,
APPARENTLY WITHOUT UNDULY RAISING POLITICAL TEMPERATUES.
OUR INTERLOCUTOR WAS NOT SURE WHETHER PACKAGE INCLUDED
ALL RELEVANT UNGA RESOLUTIONS OR JUST THOSE CONCERNING
MIDDLE EAST, BUT THOUGHT THAT OUTCOME NEVERTHELESS COULD
SERVE AS HELPFUL PRECEDENT IN UNESCO CASE.

4. WE ANTICIPATE FURTHER BRITISH STEPS WILL BE IOORDIN-
ATED WITH US DEL AT UNESCO.

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